

15 CFR Part 2012. As a result, effective on or after August 25, 1997, imports of beef from Argentina will need to be accompanied by an export certificate in order to qualify for the in-quota tariff rate. In order for the export certificate to be valid, it has to be used in the calendar year for which it is in effect.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of The Secretary

Reports, Forms and Record keeping Requirements, Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on these collections were published on April 11, 1997 (62 FR page 18828-18829).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Delmer Billings, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-4482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

Title: Requirements for Rail Tank Cars—Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Rail. (Former title: Rail Carrier and Tank Car Tank Requirements.)

OMB Control Number: 2137-0559.

Affected Public: Manufacturers, owners and rail carriers of tank cars.

Abstract: This information collection consolidates provisions for detection and repair of cracks, pits, corrosion, lining flaws, thermal protection flaws and other defects of tank car tanks under various provisions in parts 173,

179 and 180 of the HMR. The HMR require facilities that build, repair and ensure the structural integrity of tank cars to develop and implement a quality assurance program; allow the use of non-destructive testing techniques, in lieu of currently prescribed periodic hydrostatic pressure tests, for fusion welded tank cars; require thickness measurements of tank cars, with limited reduced shell thicknesses, for certain hazardous materials; increase the frequency for inspection and testing of tank cars; and other provisions to ensure crash worthiness protection for tank cars.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,659 hours.

Title: Rulemaking, Exemption and Preemption Requirements. (Former title: Rulemaking and Exemption Requirements.)

OMB Control Number: 2137-0051.

Affected Public: Shippers, carriers, packaging manufacturers, and other affected entities.

Abstract: Rulemaking procedures enable RSPA to determine if a rule change is necessary; be consistent with public interest; and maintain a level of safety equal to or superior to that of current regulations. Exemption procedures provide the information required for analytical purposes for approval or denial of requests for exemptions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,279 hours.

Title: Cargo Tank Specification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0014.

Affected Public: Manufacturers and owners of cargo tanks.

Abstract: This information collection consolidates provisions for manufacture, qualification, maintenance and use of all specification cargo tank motor vehicles. It clarifies certain commodity sections in part 173, reorganizes the cargo tank specifications in part 178 and provides for vacuum-loaded cargo tanks. It includes part 180 requirements governing the maintenance, use, inspection, repair, retest and requalification of cargo tanks used to transport hazardous materials and certain registration requirements in part 107 for persons who are engaged in manufacture, repair or certification of any DOT specification cargo tank or cargo tank manufactured under exemption to transport hazardous materials.

Estimated Annual Burden: 106,262 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503,

Attention RSPA Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 5, 1997.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-048]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the U.S. Coast Guard announces nine Information Collection Requests (ICR) for renewal. These ICRs include: 1. Shipping Articles; 2. Liquid Natural Gas and Liquefied Hazardous Gas Waterfront Facilities; 3. Various Forms and Posting Requirements under 46 CFR concerning Vessel Inspection; 4. 33 CFR Subchapter P—Ports and Waterways Safety; 5. 46 CFR Subchapter S—Subdivision and Stability; 6. Alternative Provisions for Reinspection of Offshore Supply Vessels in Foreign Ports, 46 CFR 91.27-13; 7. Hopper Dredge Working Freeboard; Load Line and Stability; 8. Barge Fleeting Facility Records; and 9. Plan Approval and Records for Tank Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical Schools, Oceanographic Vessels and Electrical Engineering. Before submitting the ICR packages to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast